

REMARKS

Claims 12-23 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claims 1-11 and 24-32 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Turning now to the art rejection, Claims 1-9 and 24-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Ramalho; and Claims 10, 11, 16, 17, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Ramalho in view of Leighton.

The cancellation of these claims or the amendment of these claims to depend from an allowable claim obviates the rejection of these claims.

Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 12-15 and 18-22 were rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, these claims would be allowable.

Claims 12, 13, 18, and 19 have been placed in independent form.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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